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THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF A.

1. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CPSU AND OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES.
DURING THE SPC MEETING ON JULY 5, US REP MENTIONED IN
LOW KEY MANNER SO AS NOT TO PRECIPITATE A FRENCH REACTION
THE IMPORTANCE TO UNDERSTANDING FUTURE SOVIET POLICY OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CPSU AND OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES. WE
HAVE ALSO MADE THIS POINT PRIVATELY TO SELECTED ALLIES WHO
GENERALLY APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR SUCH A DISCUSSION IN
THE STUDY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT FORMULATION IN THE
OUTLINE AS CHANGED BY THE FRENCH ON JULY 5, I.E.,
"EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE CPSU", WILL ENABLE INTERESTED
CONTRIBUTORS TO ADDRESS FULLY THE ISSUE OF THE CPSU AND
OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES.

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2. HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS. US REP AT JULY 5 SPC MEETING
STRESSED NEED FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS AT
APPROPRIATE STAGES OF THE STUDY. IN GENERAL, THE FEELING
OF THE SPC, WITH WHICH WE AGREE, IS ONCE THE CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE INITIAL PART OF THE OUTLINE ARE RECEIVED AND ARE
COLLATED INTO AN INITIAL DRAFT, WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL BE BY

EARLY TO MID-OCTOBER, THAT HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN BRUSSELS FOR AN INITIAL DISCUSSION OF THE STUDY. ONCE THE INITIAL EXPERTS MEETING HAS BEEN HELD, WE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DETERMINE THE TIMING AND MODALITIES FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

3. FRENCH PROBLEMS WITH THE "IMPLICATIONS" SECTION, AS NOTED IN REF B, THE FRENCH REP, DURING THE JULY 5 SPC MEETING, CONTINUED TO REITERATE THE DIFFICULTIES HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE WITH THIS SECTION OF THE OUTLINE AND SUGGESTED THAT ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE THE IMPLICATIONS SECTION BE DEFERRED TO A LATER DATE, I.E., AROUND SEPTEMBER AFTER THE INITIAL CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. IN DISCUSSION WITH FRENCH REP (DE LA FERRIERE), BEFORE SPC MEETING, MISSION OFFICER, WHILE STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO "IMPLICATIONS" SECTION, REITERATED THE DESIRE OF OUR AUTHORITIES TO BE FLEXIBLE AND ACCOMMODATING IN SEEKING TO RESOLVE THIS PART OF THE OUTLINE. WE RAISED THE SUGGESTION CONTAINED IN REF A ABOUT QUALIFYING STATEMENT TO THE LAST PART OF THE OUTLINE TO MAKE CLEAR THE INDEPENDENT NATURE OF NATIONAL DECISIONS. FRENCH REP DISMISSED THE SUGGESTION AS INAPPROPRIATE AND FAILING TO MEET FRENCH CONCERNS. WE ASKED FRENCH REP TO THINK OF OTHER POSSIBLE FORMULATIONS WHICH MIGHT OVERCOME FRENCH OBJECTIONS TO THE IMPLICATIONS SECTION. HE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE, IN VIEW OF THE FIRM POSITION OF HIS AUTHORITIES, THAT IT WAS FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME TO ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP A FORMULATION
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WHICH COULD SATISFY BOTH HIS AUTHORITIES AND WASHINGTON. HE THOUGHT THAT THE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO DEFER A DECISION FOR THE TIME BEING. STREATOR

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